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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Application No.: New Application

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For: PROCESS FOR THE ISOLATION AND/OR PURIFICATION OF A

PROTEINACEOUS MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

January 16, 2001

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert "This application claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Application No. 60/60/175,958, filed January 13, 2000."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 5" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 7" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claims 9-12, 14 and 15, line 1 of each, delete "any of the preceding claims" and insert therefor --claim 1--.